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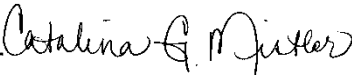


Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Middle Class Scholarship Program Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the effect of Senate Bill 860, the Education Omnibus Trailer Bill, on Middle Class Scholarship processing dates.

Changes to the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program

SB 860 made changes to the MCS, as previously described in [GSA 2014-18](#). The redefined eligibility criteria resulted in additional programming requirements for the Commission as well as University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses.

- MCS award amounts will be determined by the student's tuition assessment based on the CSU and UC segment fee structure.
- An updated Enrollment File User Guide is attached.
- Enrollment file upload is now scheduled for August 19 through September 2, 2014.
- MCS webinars will be offered the week of August 25, 2014 with registration available on the [Commission website](#).
- MCS awards, notifications and online batch and roster access are scheduled for September 15, 2014.
- A communication will be released to students when awards are determined.
- Payment processing will begin on or about September 22, 2014.

Institutions should direct any questions on the MCS application process to the Commission's Institutional Support Services at (888) 294-0153 or at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

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